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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending April 5, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 5, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 55.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 65.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 75.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 86.4 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the state with an average of 1.84 inch.

Crop progress for week ending April 5, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	67	16	89	93
Corn, emerged	6	-	44	55
Cotton, planted	0	-	0	1
Rice, planted	63	23	52	56
Rice, emerged	17	-	0	11
Sorghum, planted	27	0	4	39
Soybeans, planted	9	0	7	6
Winter Wheat, headed	30	14	18	46

Crop condition for week ending April 5, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	2	7	42	44	5
Pasture	1	16	40	38	5
Sugarcane	2	13	45	32	8
Vegetables	3	22	41	30	4
Winter Wheat	1	11	39	47	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Favorable weather allowed for good growth of crops, and farmers continued to work fields.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Sugarcane farmers working crop; cattlemen fertilizing pastures; vegetable producers planting, and crawfish farmers harvesting now.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

“Rice planting made excellent progress this past week. Rain by the weekend slowed planting but helped producers who were having to flush fields to help emergence and activate herbicides. Most soybean producers were able to work bean fields in preparation for planting.”

– Barrett Courville, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Drier weather is allowing rapid field progress. Cane growers are putting out fertilizer, herbicide and cultivating. Cane growers are also starting to gear up to plant soybeans. Crawfish ponds are winding down for some growers. Ryegrass pastures are making good progress with the cooler weather toward the end of the week. Hay producers are making herbicide applications and are putting out fertilizer.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rice planting showed enormous progress with at least 75% planted, emergence showing on early planted fields. Soybean field preparations well underway, with early planting potential. Some interactions between soybean field burn down and planted rice. Crawfish catch is up along with size and quality, molting and sack death issues clearing up over the last week. Forages in excellent shape, many hayfields receiving herbicide and fertilizer applications.”

– Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“In recent days the majority of corn, rice, and grain sorghum crops were planted with ideal field conditions. Weekend rains were beneficial to the newly planted crops. Some plant stands may be of concern where heavier amounts of rain were reported but a general rain of 1 -2 inches across the area was well received. Following this rain event the soybean planting will be in high gear in the coming days. Livestock, crawfish, commercial vegetable growers, and home gardeners also benefited from the rains.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 5, 2015										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	81.7	55.7	68.7	59.7	9.0	NA	NA	NA	6.74	2.42
Mooringsport	75.8	58.8	67.3	61.0	6.2	0.00	0	-0.74	5.72	2.15
Red River	81.5	62.2	71.9	61.1	11.2	NA	NA	NA	6.78	3.37
Shreveport	80.0	57.1	68.6	60.5	8.1	0.08	1	-0.84	8.39	4.58
Extreme/Average	79.8	58.4	69.1	60.6	8.6	0.04	1	-0.79	6.91	3.13
North Central										
Calhoun	80.0	55.1	67.6	59.4	8.1	0.43	1	-0.60	4.64	0.30
Farmerville	78.1	56.6	67.4	60.7	6.7	0.24	1	-0.97	5.32	0.51
Homer	81.2	56.0	68.6	58.3	10.4	NA	2	-0.94	5.21	2.28
Extreme/Average	79.8	55.9	67.8	59.5	8.4	0.33	2	-0.84	5.06	1.03
Northeast										
Lake Providence	78.6	56.4	67.5	60.2	7.3	1.84	1	1.51	5.59	4.17
St Joseph	81.3	60.0	70.7	62.3	8.8	NA	NA	NA	5.77	1.65
Tallulah	80.3	60.4	70.4	61.5	8.9	NA	NA	NA	4.49	0.41
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	61.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	80.1	58.9	69.5	61.4	8.3	1.84	1	1.51	5.28	2.08
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	60.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	82.2	61.8	72.0	62.8	9.6	0.00	0	-0.61	4.70	0.85
Leesville	80.6	59.6	70.1	62.4	7.7	0.10	1	-0.92	4.49	0.42
Natchitoches	79.6	58.4	69.0	62.6	6.4	1.04	2	-0.24	6.13	1.20
Extreme/Average	80.8	59.9	70.4	62.1	7.9	0.38	2	-0.59	5.11	0.82
Central										
Alexandria	80.3	59.3	69.8	63.2	6.6	NA	NA	NA	3.01	-1.61
Bunkie	79.9	57.3	68.6	63.5	5.0	0.00	0	-1.08	4.44	0.18
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	65.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	79.9	57.9	68.9	62.2	6.7	0.44	2	-0.70	4.20	-0.60
New Roads	81.1	58.4	69.8	64.0	5.8	2.70	2	1.67	6.74	2.83
Extreme/Average	80.3	58.2	69.3	63.6	6.0	1.05	2	-0.04	4.60	0.20
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.11	1	-0.93	2.52	-1.41
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	63.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.10	1	NA	5.16	NA
Slidell	79.4	60.0	69.7	NA	NA	0.01	2	NA	4.32	NA
Extreme/Average	79.4	60.0	69.7	63.0	NA	0.07	2	-0.93	4.00	-1.41
Southwest										
Crowley	80.3	61.6	70.9	64.5	6.5	0.00	0	-0.84	3.04	-0.43
DeRidder	79.3	59.7	69.5	63.7	5.8	0.27	1	-0.79	4.44	0.05
Jennings	80.0	59.0	69.5	64.2	5.3	0.03	3	-0.82	1.77	-1.87
Oberlin Fire	77.8	59.8	68.8	64.2	4.8	NA	0	-0.84	3.39	-0.26
Extreme/Average	79.3	60.0	69.7	64.1	5.6	0.10	3	-0.82	3.16	-0.63
South Central										
Donaldsonville	81.4	58.7	70.1	64.3	5.8	0.00	0	-1.01	1.74	-2.07
Jeanerette	80.9	58.0	69.4	65.0	4.4	0.00	0	-0.93	2.76	-0.74
Lafayette	80.4	60.6	70.5	64.3	6.2	0.05	0	-0.82	2.91	-0.53
Morgan City	80.4	62.9	71.6	64.8	6.8	0.00	0	-0.77	3.73	0.43
Extreme/Average	80.8	60.1	70.4	64.6	5.8	0.01	0	-0.88	2.79	-0.73
Southeast										
Galliano	78.0	63.0	70.5	65.4	5.1	0.01	1	-0.89	4.88	0.90
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	1	-0.99	1.75	-2.36
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	86.4	65.0	75.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	82.2	64.0	73.1	65.4	5.1	0.01	1	-0.94	2.94	-0.73
State	80.2	59.5	69.9	62.8	6.1	0.44	1	-0.50	4.32	0.28

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.